



EDITOR'S CORNER

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I am not sure if all of you superintendents are glad that May is over, but I for one sure am. My crew and I have been working in water or wet grass for so long that I noticed a few of them developing webbed feet. We were also developing a great rain tan. You know the kind of tan where the more wrinkles you have the better you look. I also feel our equipment manufacturers should develop reel mowers that are capable of floating on a cushion of air for just such soggy spring conditions. Seriously, this spring was so cloudy and rainy for so long that when we did see the sun we thought we had done something evil.

The only day I can remember in May that was really warm and dry was our MGCSA meeting at Hastings Country Club. Warm yes, but windy. Even windy doesn't describe it properly. It was so windy that Brad Klein, superintendent at Detroit Lakes, started out for work that day but the wind started buffeting his pickup so bad that by the time he got it under control he was in Hastings. The fifty members who attended the meeting and played golf were fiercely challenged by the wind and Steve Schumacher's great golf course. Steve and his crew did an outstanding job preparing for our arrival. Jerry Commers and Co., (Cushman Motors) had their reliable line of Cushman's, sprayers, and walk behind mowers on display until midafternoon. The supper buffet which was excellent was topped off by an interesting presentation by Larry Vetter from the Northrup King Co., concerning seed availability. Larry informed us that because of poor weather conditions seed growers inventories of certain bluegrasses and bentgrasses will be extremely short again. In addition, another wrinkle has been added to the Penncross bentgrass shortage as well. Southern courses have started to add Penncross bentgrass in with their ryegrass

overseeding to develop better putting surfaces. I guess we can't blame our fellow superintendents from trying to improve the quality of their greens. However, it just means we as managers must plan well in advance for our seed needs.

Looking ahead this month, we have the opportunity again to rub elbows with our constituents in the allied associations. What I am referring to is the annual Minnesota Green Industries Expo at Anoka's VTI campus. I feel this event is a good one to invite a few of my key crew members to attend. They enjoy scrutinizing the equipment and salesmen, and to just get away from the routine to relax.

Remember also our MGCSA meeting on June 16 at Detroit Lakes Country Club. Turf Supply Company will be sponsoring Dr. Clinton Hodges as our guest speaker for the meeting. If you haven't spent any time around a resort community before, give it a try. Call Brad and he will try to arrange lodging for you. If you can't spend the weekend at least come for our meeting and a chance to play at the home of the annual Pine-to-Palm Tournament. See you there.

MINNESOTA'S GOLFING HERITAGE SHATTUCK GOLF COURSE

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Superintendent Shattuck Golf Course

Shattuck Golf Course is located in Faribault, Minnesota which is located about fifty miles south of Minneapolis on Interstate 35. The golf course is owned and operated by Shattuck-St. Mary's School which is a traditional, college preparatory boarding and day school for girls and boys, grades seven through twelve. The school was founded in 1858 as an Episcopal mission school, and the school grounds today covers 250 acres of land situated above the Straight River, in the northeast section of the city. The nine-hole golf course totals 44 acres and is just east of Shattuck-St. Mary's main